SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM INTERVENTION

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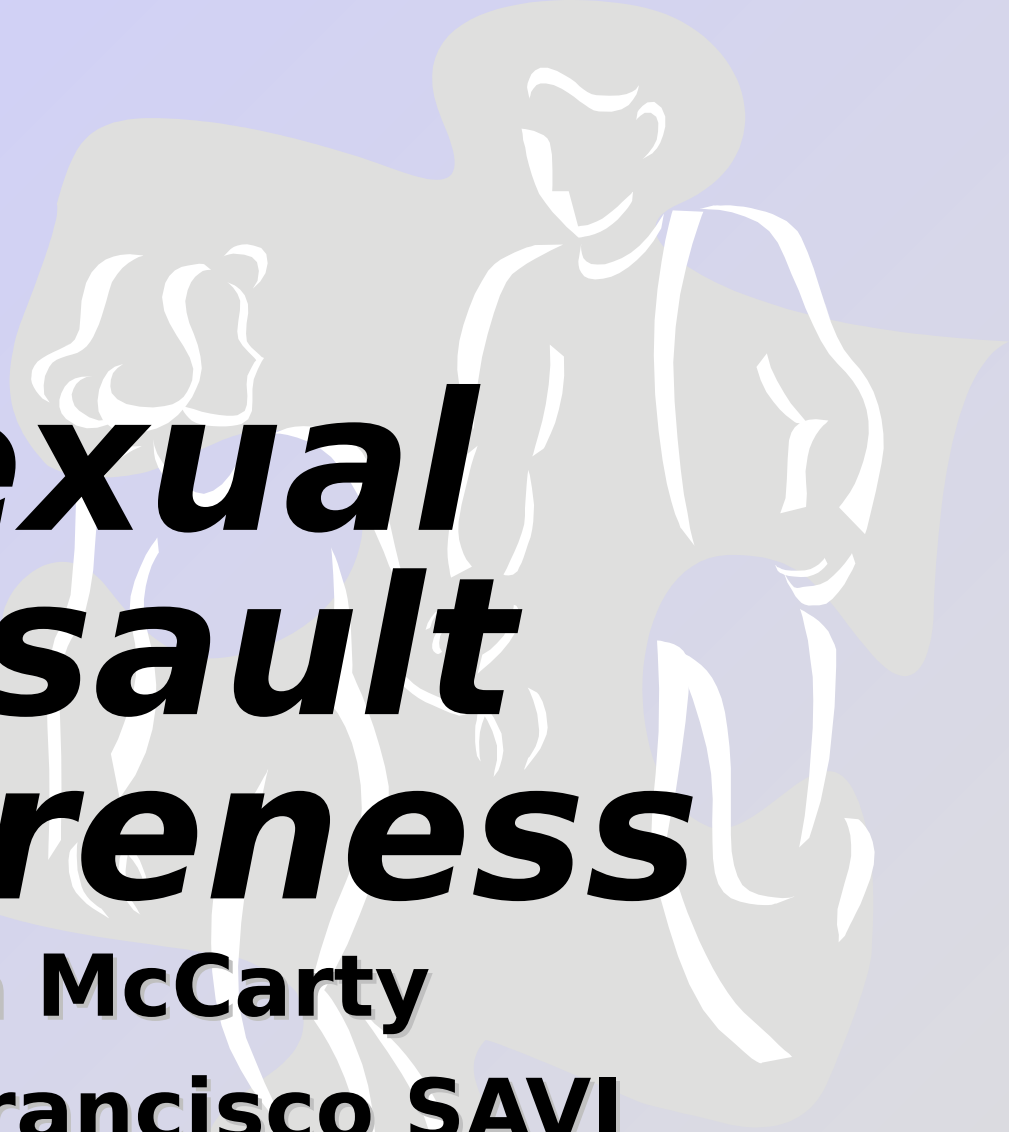
PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER



Sexual Assault Awareness

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SAVI Goal

- To provide sexual assault awareness and risk reduction information to military personnel
- To ensure awareness of victims rights

Training Objectives

- Identify myths and facts surrounding sexual assault/ rape
- State statistical facts concerning sexual assault/ rape.
- Identify resources from which a victim can obtain assistance.
- Give safety tips.
- Identify the reporting options for a victim of sexual assault/ rape.

Region S.W. Policy

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Ensure sensitive, coordinated and effective implementation of victim advocacy services to active duty Navy, Marine and Coast Guard members and their legal family members.

Region S.W. Policy

Reduce the incidence of sexual assault through awareness and prevention education.

Region S.W. Policy

Standardize reporting of sexual assault.

What is Sexual Assault?

- **Intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or can not consent.**
- **<u>Sexual assault</u> includes rape (vaginal penetration), nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts.**
- **Sexual assault can occur without regard to**

gender or spousal relationship or age

What is consent?

“Consent” shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when a victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

NO MEANS NO!!!

Statistics

- **A sexual assault occurs in the United States every 2 ½ minutes.**
- **2 in 4 women and 2 in 10 men will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime.**
- **Victims of stranger rape were 10 times more likely to report their assault.**
- **85% of sexual assault victims knew the offender as an acquaintance, friend, relative or intimate.**
- **In 2004, 75% of the victims reporting sexual assault to DoD were active duty and 76% of alleged offenders were active duty.**

- **DoD is committed to ensuring victims are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy and services.**
- **DoD is also committed to effective command awareness and prevention, law enforcement, and criminal justice activities to maximize accountability and prosecution.**
- **Sexual assault is the most unreported violent crime.**
- **Mandated reporting represents a barrier for victims to access information, support, and services.**
- **A system that promotes privacy & confidentiality can have a positive impact in bringing victims forward.**

Are victims in the Navy more or le likely to report an incident?

- **Why not?**
  - **Fear that it will affect their career/promot**
  - **Afraid to be viewed as causing trouble**
  - **Think they will not be believed**
  - **Believe that they will be blamed**

- **Why report?**
  - **For medical treatment**
  - **It is expected**
  - **Prosecute the offender**
  - **Obtain emotional support**

Reporting Options

Active duty victims have a choice when reporting a sexual assault.

As of June 2005, victims can choose unrestricted or restricted reporting.

Confidentiality – Unrestricted Reporting

"**Unrestricted "**

A process used by a service member, family member, reservist or DEPper to disclose that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. Any and all details are provided to health care providers, advocate, command authorities, NCIS or any other persons to initiate the official investigative process.

Confidentiality – Restricted Reporting

"<u>Restricted</u>"

A process used by a service member to report or disclose that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault to specified officials on a requested confidential basis.

Any details will NOT be reported to law enforcement to initiate the official investigative process.

*** California is a mandatory reporting state. Victim Advocate will explain process, offer services (advocacy, referral for counseling)***

Confidentiality Implementation Exceptions

Restricted Reporting Exceptions:

- **Only *active duty* victims have the option of restricted reporting.**

- **If the alleged offender is the spouse of the victim or an intimate partner of the victim under the Family Advocacy definition (spouse, former spouse, living together or have a child in common) than restricted reporting is not an option as a report must be made**

Myths and Facts

- **Many people still believe that sexual assault is primarily a women's issue.**

- **Much of society tends to believe that males are *not* victims of sexual assault.**

"Men should be able to defend themselves" "Men probably

Myth: "Men can't be sexually assaulted".

- **<u>FACT</u>: Men *are* sexually assaulted. Any man can be sexually assaulted regardless of size, strength, appearance or sexual orientation.**

Myth: "Only gay men are sexually assaulted".

- **<u>FACT</u>: Heterosexual, gay and bisexual men are equally likely to be sexually assaulted. Being sexually assaulted has nothing to do with your current or future sexual orientation. Your sexuality has no more to do with being raped than being robbed.**

Myth: Only gay men sexually assault other men.

- **<u>FACT</u>: Most men who sexually assault other men identify themselves as heterosexual.**

Studies show that assaults on heterosexuals by homosexuals are very rare

Myth: "Men cannot be sexually assaulted by women."

- **<u>FACT</u>: Although the majority of perpetrators are male, men can also be sexually assaulted by women.**

Myth: "A rapist is sexually driven".

- **<u>FACT</u>: Sexual assault is about violence, anger, and control over another person, *not* lust or sexual attraction.**

Most perpetrators have a satisfying sexual life – usually married or in a relationship

Myth: "Most victims of sexual assault report it."

- **<u>FACT</u>: Only 1 in 10 women report their sexual assault.**

Male sexual assault is grossly under-reported, there are no reliable statistics available.

Myth: "Sexual assault victims must have done something to deserve the assault."

<u>FACT:</u> *<u>No one</u>* deserves to be assaulted or violated, regardless of their circumstances.
DEPpers are *<u>not</u>* to be touched regardless or their behavior.

NO MEANS *NO!!!*

FACT

- **<u>Most victims are assaulted by someone they know and trust.</u>**

  - **Between 60-85% of rapes are considered date or acquaintance rape**

  - **Most male rapes are associated with jails, it is rarely acknowledged that it happens in homes, cars, abandoned/isolated areas and often by a friend or acquaintance**

FACT

- **Sexual assault occurs regardless of sex, age, race, religion, profession and appearance.**

- **Not an act of passion but one of dominance and power**

- **Age group most likely to be assaulted –**

  16-24 years old

  - **trying out independence**
  - **away from safety of known environment**

Why don't people report se assault?

- **Disbelief**
- **Perpetrator was a friend, date, spouse member, intimate partner, etc.**
- **Embarrassment, shame, guilt**
- **Fear of what co-workers, family, friend**
- **Perceived reaction of Chain of Comman**
- **Privacy/Confidential issues**

Why don’t male victims rep

- **Fear of being laughed at**
- **Sexuality and masculinity may be chall**
- **Limited resources and support groups**
- **Fear of what else may happen to them**
- **Retribution from the perpetrator**

Military Recruiting

- **More than 100 young women who expressed interest in joining the military in 2006 were preyed upon sexually by their recruiters. Women were raped on recruiting office couches, assaulted in government cars and groped en route to entrance exams.**

Military Recruiting

- **A six-month Associated Press investigation found that more than 80 military recruiters were disciplined in FY06 for sexual misconduct with potential enlistees. The cases occurred across all branches of the military and in all regions of the country. 18 of these were Navy Recruiters.**

Military Recruiting

This should never be allowed to happen," said one 18-year-old victim. "The recruiter had all the power. He had the uniform. He had my future. I trusted him."

Military Recruiting

- **2005 – Navy recruiter gets 30 years in prison for sexually assaulting an applicant.**
- **Not only are we not supposed to date applicants, we…..**

<u>DO NOT date DEPpers</u>.

Safety Tips

- **Trust your gut instincts or intuition.**
- **Express clearly what you want;**
  know your needs and wishes
- **Be assertive**
- **Avoid secluded places**
- **Double Date or inform friends of your**
- **Be aware of alcohol and other drug us**
  (use of alcohol and drugs is not the
  of sexual assault)

Safety Tips

- **You have the right to say “No” even if you:**
  - **Say yes, but change your mind**
  - **Have had sex with this partner before**
  - **Have been kissing or “making out”**
  - **Are wearing provocative clothing**

Common sense, awareness of your surroundings,

and trusting your instincts will reduce your risk

If You or Someone You Know Has Been Sexually Assaulted:

- **Get to a safe place that has a phone.**
- **Contact someone who can help you — friend, advocate, police, security, local rape crisis center, chaplain.**
- **Preserve evidence. DO NOT bathe, shower, wash your hands, or change clothes.**
- **Write down as many details as you can remember about the perpetrator and the assault.**

If You or Someone You Know Has Been Sexually Assaulted:

- **If you are physically injured, obtain medical attention from the nearest emergency room. AND if you wish to report the assault, contact base security, NCIS, or the local police for a forensic examination at a designated area hospital.**

Services & Resources

- SAVI Response Line
- Counseling
  - Fleet and Family Support Center
  - Chaplains
  - Rape Crisis Centers
  - Medical Exam
- Legal/Legal Assistance
- Chaplains

Points of Contact

- **Regional SAVI Program Staff:**

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Questions?